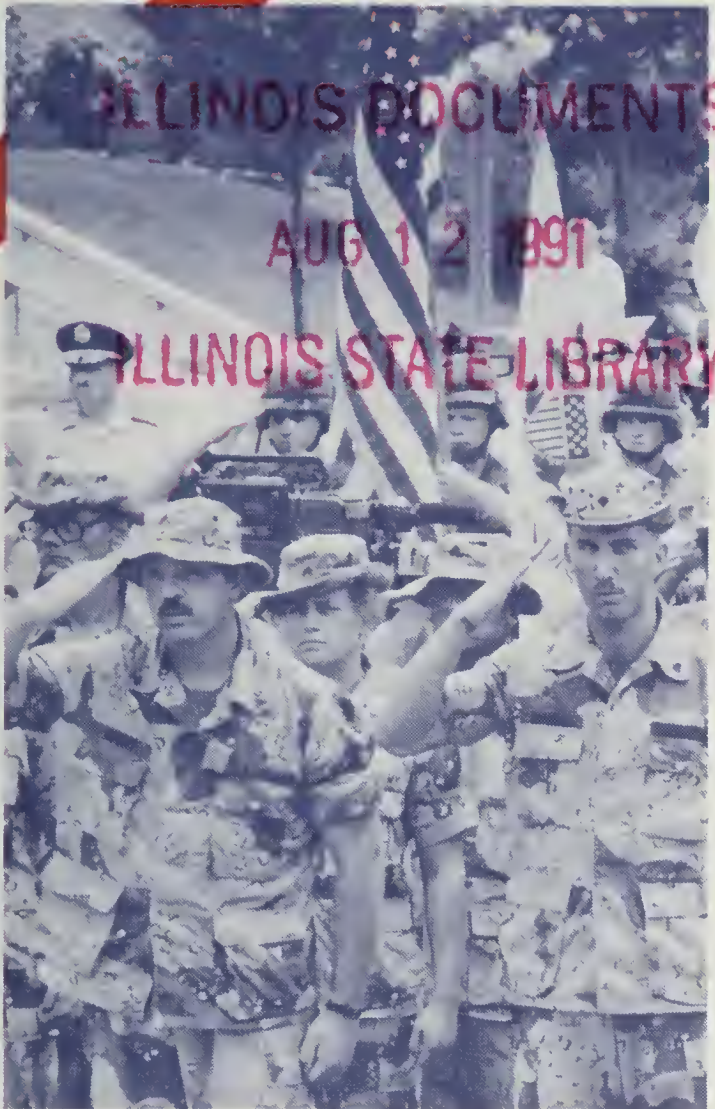


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Reaching out in service to:
Veterans

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Secretary of State

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Illinois salutes its veterans

As Secretary of State, I am proud that those who have served our country have a special ally in the Veterans Division within the Senior Citizens, Human Resources and Veterans Department.

This pamphlet explains the Secretary of State's programs and services that may be of particular interest to veterans. As part of the effort to serve these individuals, a special Veterans Coordinator — well acquainted with all aspects of state government affecting vets — is on our staff.

I assure you of my ongoing commitment to serve those who have given so much to our state and to our country. Please let us know how we can help you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George H. Ryan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

GEORGE H. RYAN
Secretary of State

Veteran Employment

The Secretary of State maintains a veterans preference in hiring and administers a Veteran Networking Program to inform veterans of employment opportunities within the agency. The Secretary of State is committed to the placement of qualified veterans.

Not-For-Profit Status?

Many veterans clubs or organizations are interested in acquiring not-for-profit status — a service provided through the Secretary of State's office. For more information, contact the Senior Citizens, Human Resources and Veterans Department at (800) 252-2904 to request the booklet "A Guide for Organizing Not-For-Profit Corporations."

Special Military Plates

The Secretary of State offers nine military service-related license plates to qualified veterans to give heightened visibility to those who have served the nation.

Armed Forces Reserves, Retired Armed Forces and Illinois National Guard plates recognize those who protect citizens in times of national emergency.

Another grouping of license plates — the Disabled Veteran, Ex-Prisoner of War, Pearl Harbor Survivor and Purple Heart — honor those who have endured the pain of war. Related to this is the Gold Star license plate, paying respectful tribute to the spouse or parents of individuals who lost their lives while in the service.

Illinois also honors Congressional Medal of Honor recipients with a special plate recognizing their contributions.

For more information, contact:

Secretary of State

Non-Standard Plates Section

Centennial Building, Room 539

Springfield, Illinois 62756

Toll Free: (800) 252-8980

Making Parking A Bit Easier

There are two forms of identification for handicapped parking: cards and license plates.

Handicapped parking cards are available at no cost to persons with permanent or temporary disabilities.

The other option is handicapped license plates — available to persons who are permanently disabled. These plates may be purchased by individuals with disabilities at the cost of standard license plates for each vehicle titled in their name. Disabled veterans may obtain special Disabled Veteran plates if their disabilities are 100 percent service-connected. In addition, the Secretary of State publishes a free Handicapped Parking Program guide, available by calling toll-free (800) 252-2904.

Cut Car Costs

Discounts on automobile insurance premiums are available to certain drivers age 55 and over. Individuals successfully completing an Automobile Insurance Discount Program approved by the Secretary of State's office may be eligible for this program.

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Picture This

An official Illinois Photo Identification Card for both drivers and non-drivers can be obtained through the Secretary of State's office. The identification card is free to persons age 65 and over and to persons with disabilities. There is a \$4 fee for others. It is valid for five years and may be obtained at any drivers license facility or mobile photo ID unit throughout the state.

When It Helps To Review

A free Rules of the Road Review Course is offered statewide to people taking the drivers license examination. Veterans organizations may sponsor these classes for their members through the Senior Citizens, Human Resources and Veterans Department.

For Your Eyes and Ears

Through 18 regional library systems statewide, veterans can take advantage of special library services such as large print books, Talking Books and books in Braille.

In addition, audiovisual programs are available on loan from the Senior Citizens, Human Resources and Veterans Department. There is no fee for this service.

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For further information:

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Chicago VA Regional Office
P.O. Box 8136
536 South Clark Street
Chicago, IL 60680
Phone Number 1-800-827-0466
Phone Number (312) 663-5510

VA Health Care Facilities:

Chicago (Lakeside) (312) 943-6600
Chicago (Westside) (312) 666-6500
Danville (217) 442-8000
Hines (708) 343-7200
Marion (618) 997-5311
North Chicago (708) 688-1900
Peoria (309) 671-7350

Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

P.O. Box 19432
208 West Cook Street
Springfield, IL 62794-9432
Phone Number 1-800-437-9824
Phone Number (217) 782-6641

State Approval Agencies (ILDVA)

Chicago (312) 814-5530
Springfield (217) 782-7838

Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Deerfield (312) 948-8550
Springfield (217) 782-2577

Illinois Department of Conservation

Chicago (312) 814-2072
Springfield (217) 782-7305

Illinois Veteran Homes

Manteno (815) 468-6581
Quincy (217) 222-8641
LaSalle (815) 223-0303

VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

Illinois Headquarters:

American Legion (309) 663-0361
AMVETS (217) 528-4713
DAV (312) 353-3960
VFW (217) 529-6688
MPMA (312) 873-6600
VVA (309) 786-4530

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U.S. Dept. of Labor
Veterans Employment and Training Service
401 South State Street
Room 202 North
Chicago, IL 60605
(312) 793-3440